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**Reference: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site, Gary, Indiana
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial
Investigation/Feasibility Study,
CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004
July 2022 Monthly Progress Report #099**

Dear Ms. Werner:

In fulfillment of the requirements of Section IX, Paragraph 32, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004, the Respondents are submitting the July 2022 monthly progress report.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me or Bennie Underwood at (865) 691-5052.

Sincerely,
de maximis, inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Samples", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael H. Samples
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Enclosure

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - #099

PROJECT NAME: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site

PERIOD COVERED: July 2022

A. ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARD COMPLIANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- On July 6, 2022, a web-based meeting occurred between representatives for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Settling Work Parties (SWPs). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss EPA's correspondence, dated May 27, 2022, in which EPA outlined concerns with the 2021 Feasibility Study (FS) Report conclusion relating to groundwater and a proposed strategy to address groundwater without delaying implementation of the presumptive remedy. In follow-up email correspondence dated, July 13, 2022, EPA provided the SWPs with two proposed options for addressing groundwater under a new and separate Operable Unit (OU).
- On July 8, 2022, a web-based meeting occurred between representatives for the EPA, IDEM and the SWPs. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss EPA's correspondence (slide deck), dated July 7, 2022, in which EPA outlined deficiencies with the 2021 FS Report relating to non-groundwater media.
- With a transmittal dated July 14, 2022, EPA provided the SWPs with an annual response cost invoice. The invoice was in the amount of \$90,453.29, and covered the period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022.

B. SAMPLING AND TESTING ACTIONS AND RESULTS

- None necessary.

C/D. WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS AND SCHEDULE OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES / DELIVERABLES

- Complete review and anticipate paying the EPA response cost invoice which was received by the SWPs on July 14, 2022.
- On August 2, 2022, and in follow-up to the July 8, 2022 discussion (see above), the SWPs, EPA and IDEM will participate in a call to review and discuss historical background information associated with the Liquid Waste Delineation activities performed as part of the Remedial Investigation.

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- On August 30, 2022, the SWPs will participate in a web-based meeting with EPA and IDEM to discuss EPA's July 13, 2022 correspondence in which EPA provided the SWPs with two proposed options for addressing groundwater under a new OU. During the meeting the SWPs will confirm the preferred option and present an outline for its implementation.
- Continue discussions with USEPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) regarding FS.

E. CHANGES IN RI/FS WORK PLANS OR ACTIVITIES

- None.

F. ENCOUNTERED / ANTICIPATED DELAYS

- None.

G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

- None requested.